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Soleiman, chief of the commercial branch of the Dresdener Eisenbahndirektion Chemnitz-Marthau, Soviet Zone, Germany, is in Vienna purchasing rail and construction equipment. He has placed orders with Bahnbedarf A.G. for a large Krupp railway crane, repair costs approximately 75,000 schillings; 20 concrete mixers, capacity 250 - 1,000 liters, repair costs approximately 30,000 schillings each; 40 narrow gauge steam and diesel locomotives; and 600 narrow gauge tipple cars. The orders are all to be delivered to the Dresdener Eisenbahndirektion, Chemnitz-Marthau, care of Captain Kashin. In addition, 9 narrow gauge steam locomotives, valued at 1,500,000 schillings, and 217 tipple cars, valued at 300,000 schillings were shipped by Bahnbedarf A.G. on 13 March 1949 to the above address. Cash payment was made to the Bahnbedarf A.G. account in the Soviet Military Bank. The Dresdener Eisenbahndirektion is also interested in buying tracking and diesel equipment and is in urgent need of large quantities of barbed wire.

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Soleiman stated that the Dresdener Eisenbahndirektion is unable to make its own repairs, because of a shortage of material and skilled labor, and because the installations on which it is working are a considerable distance from railroad and highways. He said that the Eisenbahndirektion would send heavy repair work to Bahnbedarf A.G. in the future, in order to take advantage of Austrian skilled labor and materials.

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Comment: The types of equipment in which Soleiman is interested and his comments concerning the inaccessibility of the installations under construction, indicate the possibility that the equipment is destined for use in the uranium mines.

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